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TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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SUBJECT: EA/NEA LABOR CONFERENCE

FOR AMBASSADOR OSBORN FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB

1. DEPARTMENTS STATE AND LABOR ARE CONDUCTING A LABOR ATTACHE CONFERENCE, NEW DELHI, MARCH 21-25, FOR NEA AND EA REGIONS. APPROXIMATELY 60 OFFICERS FROM INTERESTED AREAS HAVE BEEN INVITED PARTICIPATE, INCLUDING LABOR ATTACHES, LABOR REPORTING OFFICERS AND SEVERAL ECONOMIC OFFICERS, IN ADDITION TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM DEPARTMENTS STATE, LABOR AND DEFENSE. IT HAS BEEN CUSTOMARY FOR AN AMBASSADOR IN REGION TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE ON ITS FIRST DAY (IN THIS CASE MARCH 21) AND TO PARTICIPATE IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS.

2. DEPARTMENT EXPECTS THAT AMBASSADOR SAXBE WILL OPEN CONFERENCE AS WAS CASE WITH PREVIOUS AMBASSADORS. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK IF YOU WOULD CONSENT TO PROVIDE THIS EA POLITICAL OVERVIEW. THE NEA POLITICAL SCENE WILL BE COVERED BY SPOKESMEN OF THAT BUREAU IN A PRESENTATION SIMILAR TO YOUR OWN.

3. YOUR ADDRESS AND THAT ON CURRENT NEA DEVELOPMENTS AND PROBLEMS WOULD SET THE CONTEXT FOR SUBSEQUENT LABOR/POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS AS WELL AS THE RATHER DETAILED

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ECONOMIC PRESENTATIONS ENVISAGED BY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

4. YOUR BROAD KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE WOULD PROVIDE AN INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE LABOR ATTACHE CONFERENCE. I VERY MUCH HOPE YOU CAN ARRANGE YOUR SCHEDULE TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE ON OPENING DAY AND, TO EXTENT YOUR SCHEDULE PERMITS, PARTICIPATE IN SOME OF THE SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS. WHILE FORMAT AND APPROACH ARE ENTIRELY UP TO YOU, THERE WOULD BE TIME FOR 45 MINUTES TALK FOLLOWED BY COFFEE BREAK AND SUBSEQUENT QUESTION PERIOD.

5. PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT ASAP. LABOR DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE T/O, FISCAL DATA AND GUIDANCE RE TRAVEL COVERED THROUGH EXCESS CURRENCIES (INDIAN RUPEES). AGENDA, FURTHER INFO, WILL BE FORWARDED SHORTLY. KISSINGER

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